Title: Need to take immediate steps for eradication of Malaria in Keonjhar and other parts of Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): It is a matter of great concern that Malaria is taking a heavy toll of human lives every year in Orissa and particularly in Keonjhar district. Recently, in December 2007, 13 tribal people died in Joda block in that district. Out of them, 12 were infants. All of them were under 10 years of age. Prior to that 10 people died in October 2007. So the Government, should realize the gravity of the situation.

The treatment provided to the Malaria patients is not adequate. National Malaria Eradication Programme could not produce any significant result to control Malaria in many Parliamentary Constituency.

Unless steps are taken to control Malaria, the poor people, most of whom are tribals will continue to face untimely death. So, to save these people in my Constituency, I demand that the Central Government, must take immediate steps on war footing to control Malaria and also provide proper treatment facilities to the patients who are battling in their huts and the hospitals against death.